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Application No.: 10/604,393
Docket No.: 10026-US-PA

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

Claims 1-10 are pending of which the claims 1 and 7 are amended and claim 6 is cancelled according to the Examiner's suggestion. In addition, claims 8-9 were previously cancelled and the claim 10 was previously amended. It is believed that the updated claims 1-5, 7, and 10 are placed in a proper condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the updated claims 1-5, 7, and 10 is respectfully requested.

Discussion of the Allowable Subject Matter

The following claim 1 is drafted by the examiner and considered to distinguish patently over the art of record in this application, claim 1 now is presented to applicant for consideration.

In response thereto, first of all, applicant very appreciate for the examiner's providing the drafting of claim 1. Therefore, the claim 1 was amended so that the amended claim 1 is the same as the drafted claim1 as provided the examiner.

Discussion of Double Patenting

Claims 1-7& 10 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double-patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-8 of co pending Application No. 10/711, 664.

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In response thereto, a **terminal disclaimer** is filed to overcome the proceeding provisional rejection based on a non-statutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application is shown to be commonly owned with this application.

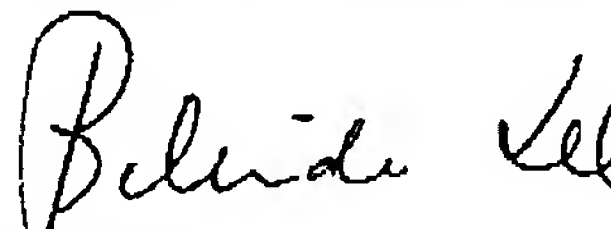
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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing reasons, claims 1-5, 7, and 10 are in proper condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the updated claims 1-5, 7, and 10 is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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